(c) whether Government have decided to take any diplomatic measure to avoid military action against Iran?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. On May 10, 2006 the US Secretary of State is reported to have indicated that the US Government is keeping all options on the table, while remaining committed to a diplomatic course; and that the US Government believes that a "unified diplomatic course will work."

(c) Government of India has maintained that India values its civilizational ties and traditionally close and friendly relations with Iran. We have repeatedly declared that issues relating to Iran's nuclear programme should be resolved through dialogue. Iran has the right to develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes, but this must be consistent with its international commitments and obligations. India, alongwith other friendly countries, has continued to make efforts to reach an amicable resolution of outstanding issues through patient dialogue. Confrontation or the threat or use of force can only exacerbate tensions in a region which is of vital importance to India, and must therefore be avoided at all costs.

Manipulation by IFS officer

3523. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that top officer of IFS has recently manipulated his admission in German Hospital, on his way back from an official tour to Brazil where he had gone on official tour;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this official is also involved in a case of human trafficking of a number of persons for facilitating the entry of illegal immigrants under the cover of dance troupe in 2005 and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken against him?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA:) (a) and (b) On his way back from an official tour to Brazil, then Special Secretary (ER) fell ill with bleeding from nose, breathlessness and giddiness. On arrival at Munich Airport on 1 April, 2006, the Airport medical services examined him on board the aircraft and transferred him directly by ambulance to the Klinikum Freising hospital. He was later shifted to the Consulate General's panel hospital, Klinikum Rechts de Isar on 11 April under the supervision of the panel doctor. On 12 April the panel doctor certified the officer's fitness to travel. He returned to India on 13 April, 2006.

(c) and (d) The CBI has registered RC. 1 (S)/2006-SCU. 1 at SCR. I Branch, CBI on 27.3.2006 u/s 120-B r/w 420, 403, 467, 468, 471 IPC and Section 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988 and substantive offences thereof against Shri Rakesh Kumar, IFS, former Director General, ICCR and 13 others on the allegations that Shri Rakesh Kumar, IFS, and Ms. Kehkeshan Tyagi, Programme Officer (OCD), ICCR entered into a criminal conspiracy with Hargulab Singh and Shiv Kumar Sharma, both r/o Ludhiana and others and pursuant thereto facilitated illegal trafficking of 9 individuals to Berlin by misusing their official position for extraneous considerations. These 9 persons disappeared on reaching Germany.

Separation of civil and nuclear facilities

3524. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Foreign Secretary during his visit to Washington in December last, discussed the strategy for implementation of the Indo-US nuclear deal of 18th July, 2005;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy chalked out for spearation of civilian and military nuclear sites; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to implement the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI ANAND SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir. Foreign Secretary, as the Co-Chair of the India US Working group on Civil Nuclear Energy Co-operation which was set up pursuant to the July 18, 2005 Joint Statement of PM and the US President, visited Washington on 20-21 December,